

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims Status

Claims 1-10 and 16-25 are pending and are rejected. Claims 11-15 and 26-30 have been previously canceled. Of the pending rejected claims, claims 1 and 16 are independent in form. Claims 1 and 16 are herein amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a):

The rejections of claims 1-10 and 16-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,972,453 to Daniel, III et al. ("Daniel") in view of "the admitted prior art" have been maintained. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent Claims 1 and 16

In response to Applicant's arguments filed on June 18, 2004, the Examiner has maintained previous positions. Applicant does not agree with those positions, and respectfully maintains previous arguments and incorporates them herein. Nevertheless, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 16 to require that the properties, methods, and events are mapped "to automatically control common paradigms including send heartbeat, reply to heartbeat". Support for this amendment can be found in the specification, for example paragraph 15.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's arguments filed on June 18, 2004 were mischaracterized in the first paragraph on page 5 of the November 2, 2004 Office Action. The arguments set forth under the heading "Combination Is Not Properly Motivated" address the combination of Daniel and "the admitted prior art" and not interpretation of the claims.

The present invention as claimed is different in scope and claimed matter, from Daniel and "the admitted prior art." Applicant respectfully submits that neither Daniel nor "the admitted prior art" alone or in combination teach or suggest the claimed invention. Thus, Applicant believes these claims to be distinguished over the prior art of record.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1 and 16 as pending are neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Daniel, taken individually or in combination with any other cited reference, and are allowable thereover.

Dependent Claims

Applicant traverses the rejections of the dependent claims but has not independently addressed the individual rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-10 and 17-25 are also allowable for at least similar reasons as stated for the independent claims from which they depend. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be appropriate.

Based on the foregoing remarks, claims 1-10 and 16-25 are believed to define patentable subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejections applied to claims 1-10 and 16-25 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All the rejections of claims having been addressed and the claims as presented herein being believed allowable, Applicant submits that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

While Applicant believes no fees or extension of time are required for this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration. However, should an extension of time be required for the timely submission of this paper, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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